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## MRS. ARCHER IS NAMED IN LOCAL SUIT

John H. Wright, Former Inmate, Has Institution Attached for \$600 In Action Brought to Recover Money Paid for Care.

Relatives Feared Aged Inmate May Have Been Object of Poison Attack, Too, But Investigation Shows Health Was Unmarred.

Amy Archer Gilligan, the woman recently arrested on the charge of poisoning an inmate of the Archer-Gilligan Home for Old People in Windsor, has been sued for \$600 by Albert W. Tremain, conservator for John H. Wright, an 84-year-old resident of this city, who was an inmate of the home. Attorneys Coffey & Comley, representing the conservator, have placed an attachment on the home in Windsor. They were the first of many creditors to get an attachment on the property.

Although relatives of Wright feared that he, too, might have been poisoned or ill treated in some way at the home, a medical examination has disclosed no traces of poisoning. It was last October that Wright was sent to the home. His two children felt that it would be better for him to go to an institution and the Windsor place was selected.

Judge William H. Comley, Jr., went there to investigate and after questioning some of the inmates decided that the home was all right. A contract was drawn by the terms of which Mrs. Gilligan agreed to keep Wright in the home for the rest of his life for \$500.

After the recent disclosures the home was closed and the present action was brought to secure the \$500 paid to Mrs. Gilligan. The American Bank & Trust Co., was appointed conservator over Wright by the probate court last year. The plaintiff in the present action is an official of the company. The suit is returnable to the common pleas court, June term.

## NEW PROTEST SEIZURES IS COMPLETE

Washington, May 23.—President Wilson sent to the state department today a note to Great Britain protesting against interference with American mails. It was read before the cabinet but its general terms were explained. The note will be cabled to London, immediately and it is understood a duplicate will go to the French government.

## WILL EXAMINE INTO SANITY OF WILLIAM RENAK

Police Consider Recent Actions Suspicious and Will Cause Investigation.

That a commission to inquire into the sanity of William Renak, the saloonkeeper of 189 Willard street, who was arrested Sunday for an attempted shooting and previously fired two shots into an innocent patron during an attempt to hold up the saloon, will be appointed is the belief of the police today.

Following investigation into the wild tale told before the court yesterday indicating that people were attempting to climb through windows in his residence, and the evidence at hand, the police are inclined to the belief that Renak may be mentally unbalanced.

During the pendency of the case which will again be heard on May 27 in the city court, physicians will be called to observe Renak.

### ERICKSON ESTATE

In his will offered for probate today Peter T. Erickson leaves his estate to his widow, Helena Erickson, and named here as executrix without bonds. The estate consists of property in Lee avenue and some cash in banks. William Chew and James A. Turner are named appraisers. The deceased besides his widow is survived by one brother, Andrew, of Willow avenue, Fairfield; two brothers, Fred and August, and a sister, Louise Johnson, who resides in Sweden.

### BRIDGEPORT MAN FINE

New Haven, May 23.—For failure to obey a traffic officer's signal Sunday, Peter Kosuth, of Bridgeport, was fined today \$10 for recklessly driving a motor cycle, and \$50 for violation of the traffic ordinance. Albert Charnow, driver of a passenger carrying automobile was fined \$50 and costs for passing a standing trolley car at excessive speed.

## WORKMEN CATCH NEGRO WHO TRIED TO MOLEST PROMINENT INSTRUCTOR

(Special to The Farmer)

Stratford, May 23.—After a sensational chase in which Reinhold Persson, a carpenter and builder, and 15 of his employees, headed, Frank Babosa, a negro mason, who gave as his address 1215 Broad street, was apprehended this morning at 8:30 o'clock on West Broad street, following an alleged attempt to molest Miss Susan Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett, of 1215 Broad street and a school teacher at the Franklin school.

Babosa was held by Persson and Michael Sorretto of Capitol avenue, Bridgeport, until the arrival of Constable Barnum. He was taken to the town court for trial. On the stand he denied that he attempted to molest Miss Bennett and said that he was on his way home when he saw her.

Miss Bennett was on her way to school this morning and was passing under the West Broad street bridge when suddenly turning to the side she noticed a man following her. About 20 feet from the bridge she bent to ad-

just her rubber and glancing around again she saw Babosa hastening towards her. He was apparently about to place his hands on Miss Bennett, she declares, when she screamed.

Her cries attracted the attention of Mr. Persson and his workmen, who were building a house about 500 feet away. Babosa ran. Dropping their tools, the workmen chased the fugitive and in a few minutes overtook him near the bridge. Miss Bennett fainted in the arms of Mr. Persson and it was several minutes before she revived. A telephone call was sent to Constable Barnum, and he took the prisoner to the town court for trial.

On the stand he denied that he attempted to molest Miss Bennett and said that he was on his way home when he saw her. "When I saw she was not my wife I immediately stopped and started back for home," he said. He was remanded to the Stratford town lockup for trial.

## COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER TO ACT IN LOCAL CASES

Health Commissioners Place Burden of Sanitation Here Upon Him.

HILL HAS COURT ENJOIN LANDLORD

Owner Must Clean Up Under Penalty of Being In Contempt of Court.

Through an injunction issued this week by Judge Scott sitting in the common pleas court the Bridgeport board of health has transferred the burden of sanitation in the city from its shoulders directly upon those of landlord-tenants.

The injunction in question, in effect compelling the owner of the three family tenement at 588-152 Lafayette street, to install additional toilet conveniences within a limited number of days or close the house under penalty of contempt of court, comes as the climax of many months' fight upon the part of the board and will be used as a new, quick and positive method of preventing violations of the health ordinances.

Though the practice has long been pursued by County Health Officer George E. Hill, in outlying districts, it has no precedent as far as health records show in this city.

Heretofore the practice has been for an inspector to notify the landlord of needed sanitation. If the order was not complied with, delay in taking it before the health board members was often occasioned. A further lapse, resulted in notifications of prosecution being sent from the office of the city prosecutor.

In some instances the violator has escaped to minor courts with small fines. The present method is to place the facts in possession of the county health officer, who in turn lays them before the higher court asking for an injunction restraining the use of the dwelling after a limited number of days unless conditions are complied with. To maintain the dwelling open is to become in contempt of court.

Should the house owner believe the board of health unjust in demands, recourse is had in argument to prevent the injunction becoming permanent. Health authorities in this city today assert that the new practice will quickly clean up many infractions of the law heretofore hard to combat.

It is further asserted that with every house in the city occupied at good rentals the landlords cannot plead hardship when asked to install needed sanitary equipment, as has heretofore been pleaded before the board.

## RUSHING TO FIRE, FIRE TRUCK CRANK SHAFT IS BROKEN

In responding to an alarm of fire from box No. 846 at 3 o'clock this morning, the fire engine of the city, John Flynn's milk wagon at Main street and Fairview avenue, a short circuit resulting, truck No. 2 broke a crank-shaft.

While confusion reigned in the car, which had few passengers, at that early hour, the broken crank-shaft is said not to have resulted in loss of control of the big tractor truck, which was brought to a standstill by its own brakes.

The truck is one of the newly equipped ones having a cross tractor. New parts have been ordered for immediate delivery by Chief Daniel E. Johnson. The fire was easily extinguished when the apparatus reached the scene.

Another small fire at 5:05 o'clock occurred in the Public Market where an overheated motor caused a belt to burn with much smoke. Little damage was done.

Secretary Lansing placed the mails note to Great Britain before President Wilson for his approval.

Anniversary Week, marking the 91st annual gathering of the American Unitarian association and allied organizations, opened at Boston.

## CHARITIES BOARD PUTS REFORM IN FRESH AIR HOME

Paid Boarders in Fairfield Institution Have Crowded Tots Into Lakeview.

GORDON DIRECTED TO END PRACTICE

Purpose of Fresh Air Home is Defeated By Private Enterprises.

Following disclosures recently made through the Farmer, that Bridgeport's Fresh Air home, in Fairfield, for dependent children, under four years of age, has been made a boarding home for children who have not become town charges, the board of charities late yesterday, took steps to correct the conditions found there.

Twelve dependent children, five the age of 4, have been boarded in the Fairfield institution, while children under four years of age who as public charges, had a claim upon the shelter of the Fresh Air home, have been crowded into Lakeview home for want of room at Fairfield, was revealed at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

The Fairfield home was provided by the city as a place for children under four, who become public charges. Until this place was obtained, such little ones were made inmates of Lakeview home. The surroundings there were not regarded as conducive to the well being of the children. The charges, however, limited in its accommodations, has been found ample, until recently, to provide for all such children.

Investigation into reports of the recent overcrowding of the Fairfield institution, brought to light the presence of several children well past four years of age, not properly wards of the city, who were classed upon the charities records as boarders in the home. Further inquiry revealed the presence in Lakeview home of children under four years, for whom provision could not be made in Fairfield because the place was filled.

The board of charities, under four into Lakeview home by the policy of taking boarders into the Fairfield home there have been instances of children more than four years of age, who are pending their commitment to the county homes—usually a matter of a day or two—and these children, too, instead of being placed in Fairfield, as was planned when the home was established, have been housed in the almshouse.

This was the subject of vigorous discussion at the meeting of the board of charities late yesterday. Mrs. M. E. Ford, of the committee on children, of the board of charities, questioned Superintendent Gordon at length on the conditions at Fairfield.

As a result of the inquiry the board decided upon the elimination of the practice of boarding children in the Fairfield home, and the superintendent was directed to give notice to persons or organizations now boarding children there to make other arrangements within three days.

## GIRL LOSES FINGERS AND THUMB PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE CAP

(Special to The Farmer.) Stephy, May 23.—Helen Pulaski, aged 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pulaski, is in the Bridgeport hospital with both hands severely injured as the result of playing with a dynamite cap. It is believed that the child was in the yard of her home. The fore and second fingers of her left hand and the thumb of her right hand were so badly shattered that amputation was necessary. The child also suffered severe lacerations of both hands and other fingers.

Dr. Frank J. Wales of Monroe took her to the hospital where the amputation was performed. Some men have been blasting rock and using dynamite for breaking up the soil for agricultural purposes near the Pulaski farm. It is believed that these men visited the Pulaski well for a drink of water and dropped the cap there.

Little Helen after finding the cap, placed in on a stone and was endeavoring to drive a pin through it with another stone which caused the explosion.

## Bridgeporter For Witness Against Waite

Mrs. Dorothy Von Palmenberg, Who Lived in This City, Appears in Court and Will Take Stand in Trial of Dentist.

Was Intimate Friend of Mrs. Horton Who Shared "Studio" With Prisoner—Dr. Vaughn is Witness As Trial Continues.

New York, May 23.—Mrs. Dorothy Von Palmenberg, formerly of Bridgeport, made her appearance in the murder trial of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite here today.

Mrs. Von Palmenberg, who has received considerable publicity through litigation in various courts, resided at the Stratfield, in Bridgeport, for several months, last year, and also lived with relatives at 22 West Way, Bridgeport. (West Way is a short street running east from West avenue.)

Mrs. Von Palmenberg was a former intimate of Mrs. Margaret Horton, with whom Waite shared a studio apartment. It is expected that Mrs. Von Palmenberg will be a witness for the state.

Dr. Victor C. Vaughn, dean of the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, was the first witness called today.

It was Dr. Vaughn who made an analysis of the organs of Mr. Peck, after the autopsy was ordered at Grand Rapids. He described in minute detail the effect of the arsenic poisoning on Waite's aged victim.

Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite, wife of the prisoner, was not in court when the autopsy was resumed today but it was said she would probably be called to the stand tomorrow to testify against her husband.

Mrs. Horton may go on the stand tomorrow. She has not appeared at the criminal court building since the trial began.

Percy Peck, son of John E. Peck, (Continued on Page 2.)

## MOULDERS WOULD IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS HERE

Able Leader Will Come To Bridgeport to Help Their Movement Along.

A campaign for the betterment of the moulders in Bridgeport will be instituted next week, with the backing of the international union. The moulders at the plant of the Automatic Machine Co. are likely to be the first affected.

J. R. O'Leary, one of the international officers of the union and perhaps one of the most able of the labor leaders in the country, will come to Bridgeport at the end of next week and prepare for the movement.

Bridgeport moulders are not enjoying the improved conditions that have been obtained by other workers in Bridgeport, and it is said by their union officers, haven't the advantages that moulders in other cities have.

The moulders at the Automatic Machine Co. may strike in sympathy with the machinists there, unless there is a change in the strike situation this week. They are well organized.

## Star Shirt Co. Offers Jobs To Local Workers In Baltimore Factory

According to information that has reached union officials here, non-union employees of the Star Shirt Manufacturing Co. have been offered jobs in Baltimore whether it is said arrangements are being made to move the plant.

Details of the supposed plan of the company to move to Baltimore are lacking owing to the attitude of the officials toward publicity. However, union leaders have received reports that the preparations are being made to sell some of the plant equipment and move.

The girl employees and the men cutters of the plant struck last summer for more wages, better hours and the alleviation of the charge system, which frequently cost some of the employees large percentages of their wages. The strike was successful after a summer-long siege and the girls returned to the shop, strongly unionized.

The factory officials are said to have offered to continue all non-union workers in their employ when they go to Baltimore.

### ANSONIA PLANT TO REOPEN

Ansonia, May 23.—The Ansonia Manufacturing Company, which has been closed since the rioting of last Thursday, announced today that it will open Thursday morning as usual. All employees are invited to return. The cases of Koopler Saul and Mike Schmotsky, strike leaders charged with assault, breach of peace and intimidation have been continued to Thursday.

### TEXTILE STRIKE ENDED

Simsbury, Conn., May 23.—The strike of textile mills of the Ensign-Bickford Company ended today by acceptance of the company's offer which included a bonus of five percent, which had been paid for several months to the regular wage scale. This made a five percent wage increase. In the fuse department changes were made satisfactory to the employees there.

## BENCH WARRANTS ISSUED FOR ROAD OFFICIALS FOR FAILURE TO OPEN BRIDGE

Hartford, May 23.—The United States district court opened its May term here today with Judge Thomas presiding. Fifteen indictments were presented to the federal grand jury. Among them were the cases of Dr. B. D. Senior, arrested in Waterbury for prescribing narcotic drugs; Edward A. Peck, formerly postmaster at Rocky Hill, charged with embezzling postal funds; James A. Crawford, arrested in Bridgeport for defrauding the government with bogus money orders; Leon Jim, of Bridgeport, who was found to have opium in his restaurant; and Edward E. Wimber, alias Edward E. Burns, who is charged with stealing blank money orders from the United States ship Vermont and forging the names of the postmaster of New York and others to them and cashing them at New London.

Arthur Beebe, of Danielson, charged with misuse of mails, pleaded

guilty and was fined \$25 without costs.

Three informations were issued and bench warrants signed in cases of the War Department of the United States government against the T. A. Scott Co. of New London, for dumping mud and sand in Shaw's Cove at a point different than designated by the department; the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for failing to open the drawbridge over the Pequonnock river at Bridgeport, Sept. 14, 1915, and against the East Side Coal Co. of Bridgeport, for building a wharf outside the harbor line in Yellow Mill Pond harbor.

A petition of creditors asking that the Arena Centerfree Co. of New Haven, be adjudged bankrupt was on the calendar for hearing today, but the company's representative stated there was no objection to being adjudged bankrupt. Assignment of civil cases to be heard at New Haven were made by Judge Thomas.

## BANKER, HELD AS PERJURER, GIVEN ROOSEVELT O. K.

Colonel is Witness For President Roosevelt on Riggs National Bank.

T. R. IS WELCOMED BY COURT THROUG

Answers on Glover's Political Affiliations Give Crowd a Laugh.

Washington, May 23.—Former President Roosevelt appeared on the witness stand today in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National Bank. He testified as a character witness for President C. C. Glover, of the bank, one of the indicted men.

Colonel Roosevelt said he had known Mr. Glover since 1883, that he had had business and social relations with the banker while civil service commissioner, assistant secretary of the navy, vice-president and President. Mr. Glover's general character and standing in the District of Columbia, he added, were of the highest. Colonel Roosevelt said he had come to Washington voluntarily to testify in the case.

Colonel Roosevelt reached the courtroom ten minutes before the court convened. A crowd was waiting to see him and cheered loudly as he entered. Several times during his testimony the former President's answers aroused amusement, particularly when he said that he never had any political dealings with Mr. Glover and that he knew the banker had supported either Mr. Taft or Mr. Wilson in 1912.

Colonel Roosevelt said that while he first knew Mr. Glover in 1889, intimacy between them started five or six years later.

Mr. Glover was often a guest at the White House, he added, and the Roosevelt children were often guests at the banker's summer home.

"I knew him very well socially," continued the colonel, "especially in connection with philanthropic work he did in the District. I didn't have much political talk with him. I knew in 1912 he did not support me. I knew he was for Mr. Wilson or Mr. Taft and I knew he was against me. Our acquaintance was not political but of a social and business character."

The colonel started to tell how he kept his account in the bank because of his faith in Glover, but District Attorney Laskey objected that his answer was beyond that allowed by the rules. Col. Roosevelt solved the difficulty himself by getting in and about the same answer in another way.

"My general knowledge of Mr. Glover by universal report," he said, "was that his business integrity was such that, naturally, I and my children kept their accounts in his bank."

Mr. Laskey moved to strike out the answer as a voluntary statement but Justice Siddons allowed it to remain.

"What can you say for your acquaintance with Mr. Glover and what you have heard of him as to his reputation for probity and integrity?" counsel asked.

"I should say that no man in the district stood higher in probity and integrity for the handling of public and private business from the standpoint of public morality."

Mr. Roosevelt concluded by saying that while he was not well acquainted with the two other defendants, William J. Flather and Henry H. Flather, vice president and former cashier of the bank, their reputation when he was in Washington was good.

At the conclusion of his testimony Colonel Roosevelt left the city immediately.

## Porto Rican Bill, Without Suffrage Amendment, Passes

Washington, May 23.—The House struck from the Porto Rican bill today an amendment designed to grant woman suffrage to the island. The bill then passed without roll call, virtually as introduced.

### THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight, warmer in interior; Wednesday partly cloudy. Moderate south winds.

## CARRANZA INCREASES HIS FORCE

Orders 30,000 Troops Into Region South of Texas Boundary to Assist in Running Down Bandit Armies.

Original Order Called For Disposition of 10,000 Men In That Region—Troops Are Now Already on the March.

Washington, May 23.—The Carranza government has ordered 30,000 troops into the region south of the border to exterminate bandits, according to information received today at the State Department.

General Obregon's original orders, issued after his conference at El Paso with Generals Scott and Funston, assigned 10,000 men to General Trevino to thoroughly police the territory south of the American expedition. The new troop movements are already in progress through Chihuahua, the department's advices state.

The columns are routed north, via Saltillo, for the most part as the railway strike has interfered with the movement of troop trains over other lines.

## "PREPAREDNESS PARADE" TO BE EMULATED HERE

Mayor Orders Demonstration in Favor of Better Protection For U. S.

Mayor Wilson today named a committee to arrange for a "Preparedness Parade," similar to that recently held in New York. The mayor feels that the citizens are in sympathy with such a movement and that all will join in making it a success either by taking part in the parade themselves, inducing others to do so or by decorating their homes or places of business.

The parade will probably be held on the afternoon of Saturday, June 3. The National Preparedness League in a recent letter to the mayor asked him to set this date and make arrangements for the parade. The idea being to signify that the citizens believe the country should be better prepared than it is to repel invasion and to uphold national honor than it is at present.

The mayor feels that at least 10,000 persons will readily take part in such a parade. Like the parade in New York it is intended to include the various military and semi-military organizations, including industrial workers from all lines of industry, school boys, boy scouts and boys' brigade members. Women as well as men will take part in the parade and the mayor has appointed two women on the committee of arrangements. There is no money in the city treasury to provide bands or drum corps and organizations taking part will be obliged to furnish their own music unless the committee can find means to provide for bands, etc.

The mayor's letter and the list of the committee follows: "Other cities throughout the United States are arranging 'Preparedness Parades' and it seems fitting that Bridgeport should do the same. I think that June 3 should be designated as the date for such event as this is the day which has been chosen by most of the other cities. I realize that the time is short but I believe that full arrangements can be made within the time limit if action is put into the same. I believe that the citizens of Bridgeport will participate in large numbers."

"I have therefore appointed the following committee to take full charge and make complete arrangements, namely: Major Frederick J. Adams, G. A. R.; F. L. Chapman, commander National Manufacturers' association; Charles L. Gaylord, president Business Men's association; George E. Crawford, president Chamber of Commerce; Carl Lang, president Central Labor union; Mrs. William T. Hincks, Miss Sarah E. Boudren.

"It is necessary that the committee meet at once and meetings may be held at the mayor's office, city hall, at any time convenient to the committee. "Hoping that each of the appointees may find it convenient to serve on this committee, and thanking each and every one in advance for their interest, I beg to remain, "Respectfully yours, "CLIFFORD B. WILSON, Mayor."

## Destroyer, Seeking Naval Bases, Drops Anchor Off Park City

The torpedo boat destroyer, John R. O'Brien, came into this port yesterday afternoon and will remain until this harbor until Thursday. Other destroyers will also stop here on the trip which is being made to 71 New England ports to find suitable naval bases in the event of war.

## SALESMAN SEEKS PASSPORT

Bishop White applied to Naturalization Clerk Planagan this morning for a passport to England and France. He wants to make a business trip to those countries, where he is to represent the Bridgeport Chain Co. His application was sent to the government officials in Washington.